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## **KILLEEN TO HOST STATE YAC SUMMIT THIS WEEKEND**

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): Youth and city leaders from across the state will be at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center this weekend for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Youth Advisory Commission Summit. Though the event is not open to the public, the media is encouraged to attend.

Sponsored by the Texas Municipal League and the City of Killeen, the YAC Summit will bring together cities, schools, elected officials, and community youth groups to share experiences, make connections, and learn from each other.

This year's summit embraces the Olympic spirit and seeks to inspire future leaders to take on "The World Without Limits." Attendees will discuss the positive impacts of their community programs, hear from inspirational speakers, network with other YACs, and brainstorm ideas and goals for future programs.

Youth Programs Specialist Sheri Watson says Killeen is honored to host the 2009 summit. "It is a privilege to showcase our city, share our local successes, and engage our youth in service to other YACs," said Watson. "Killeen truly embodies the theme of 'The World Without Limits' because of our rich diversity and multicultural programs. The summit will be a great weekend of friendship, learning, and most of all fun!"

The YAC Summit kicks off at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and winds down Sunday at noon. Activities include a welcome from Mayor Timothy Hancock, a speech by internationally renowned teen author and life coach Jeff Yalden, a variety of workshops and performances, and more.

For more information contact Killeen Volunteer Services at 501-7878.

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## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION SUMMIT AGENDA

### Saturday, March 14, 2009

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast and Registration**

8:30 – 10:45 a.m.

**Opening Session**

Welcome:

**Mimi Na** and **Catherine Angwin**, Killen YAC Co-Chairs

**The Honorable Timothy Hancock**, Mayor, City of Killeen

**Connie Green**, City Manager, City of Killeen

**Major Melinda Kalainoff**, Fort Hood

Keynote Speaker:

**Jeff Yalden**

*Jeff Yalden is an internationally renowned youth motivational speaker, teen author, and MTV MADE teen life coach.*

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Workshops**

*Including Graffiti: Respect our Communities, Adopt a Unit, Waste in Place, Healthy Living, and many more.*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

**Networking Sessions**

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Team AcroDunk Performance**

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Break**

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

**Dinner and Social**

### Sunday, March 15, 2009

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Plenary Session**

Welcome and Invocation:

**Greg Schannep**, Regional Director, Congressman John R. Carter

American Cancer Society Presentation:

**Blanca Vasquez**, Chairperson, Killeen/Fort Hood/Harker Heights Relay for Life Committee

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**Community Service Project**

11:15 – Noon

**Lunch, Special Recognition Medals, and Closing Session**

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